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## Daniel Whipp to Lead Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor (CSSC)

**BEL AIR, Md.,** (Oct. 6, 2015) - Daniel Whipp, a Harford County native and veteran of the United States Marine Corps, has been tapped to lead the Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor (CSSC) under the Glassman administration.

Whipp is a 2014 Loyola University MBA graduate. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in finance from York College of PA before enlisting at The Basic School in Quantico, VA. While there, he completed Marine Officer Leadership Course, a six month leadership development course designed to train and educate company-grade officers in the high standards of professional knowledge, skills and leadership necessary for duty in operating forces. Whipp was then stationed at Fort Sill, OK where he completed the artillery officers' course, a leadership training required for officers selected to serve within an artillery unit or as a liaison representative working with other combat arms specialties. He successfully completed an operational deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in the Gasmir District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan from May 2011 through June 2012, and was then stationed at Marine Corps Base Pendleton through February 2013. Following graduation from Loyola's accelerated MBA program, Whipp worked as a Problem Solve area manager at Amazon in Baltimore where he rewrote Amazon Network Standard Problem Solve training documentation and successfully launched Amazon's new Baltimore fulfillment center, the largest to date for Amazon operations.

"We are pleased to have Daniel join our team and lead the Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor and its regional initiatives," said Karen Holt, director of the Harford County Office of Economic Development.

The position opened with the recent retirement of Denise Carnaggio after nearly 30 years of county government service, most recently as CSSC coordinator.

The CSSC, an arm of the Harford County Office of Economic Development, is a 52-member regional consortium of government, industry and academia representatives whose primary focus is the economic vitality of the region in support of sustaining the mission of Aberdeen Proving Ground. CSSC is also the financial link to federal dollars infused in the APG community for planning and assessment as a BRAC growth community. To date, CSSC has received more than \$10 million in federal funding from the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment and executed more than 25 studies and analyses, from curriculum needs to research park feasibility, commuter services, and most recently, the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) currently underway with Harford, Cecil, and Kent counties, the cities of Aberdeen and Havre de Grace, and APG.

Harford County continues to lead the regional coordination and County Executive Barry Glassman recently re-committed resources to ensuring the CSSC is a viable support to sustain the mission of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Harford County's largest employer.

"CSSC is a critical entity in terms of communication and collaboration across our region for our defense community," said County Executive Glassman. "Although we strive for a diversified economy, we recognize the vital role DoD and the related contracting community contributes as an economic engine."

Acknowledging APG's infrastructure and capacity for continued growth, Director Holt said: "Due diligence must continue as we seek transparency for future impacts to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Whether it's a future round of BRAC, sequestration effects, or the reduced force structure we see impacting installations across the U.S., we need the CSSC's leadership in our region to continue to coordinate the regional response that has brought national recognition to our defense community."

The CSSC Office is co-located with the Office of Economic Development at the Swan Creek Village Center on Pulaski Highway, two miles from the MD 22 gate of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For more information, please contact Daniel Whipp at 410-273-5708 or cssc@harfordcountymd.gov.